

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 5-7, 11-14, 19, and 21 have been amended, and claims 3-4, 10 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims of the application as filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10, 15-17, 19, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyoshi et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0022629 A1) in view of Dobson (U.S. Patent No. 6,650,643). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

To expedite prosecution of the application, independent claims 1 and 19 have been amended in the forgoing amendments to explicitly incorporate respective limitations of claims 4 and 20 (and those of any intervening claims), which was objected to in the Office Action, and are therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Claim 7, 11, and 14, which were objected to in the Office Action, have been rewritten in independent form to explicitly incorporate all of the limitations of their original base claim 1 (and those of any intervening claims), and are therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 5-6, 8-9, 12-13, 15-17, and 21-22 each depend from one of independent claims 1, 7, 11, and 19, and are allowable as well. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn. Claims 5-6, 12-13 and 21 have also been amended to ensure proper antecedence basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 4, 7-9, 11-14, 20, and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 19 was allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Specification

Applicant provides herewith amendments to the specification. The amendments to the specification are made by presenting marked up replacement paragraphs which identify changes made relative to the immediate prior version.

The changes made are primarily typographical or grammatical in nature, or involve minor clarifications of some wordings.

Applicant submits these changes add no new matter to the application and are fully supported by the original disclosure.

**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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